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FOR: COMMERCE/MARAD/ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLACKWELL

1. DURING MEETING WITH ACTING DEPT. ASST. SEC. OF COMMERCE BOWDEN AND EMBOFF SEPT 19, MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE FOREIGN RELATIONS CHIEF AVERIN TOUCHED ON SUBJECT OF UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS ON MARITIME AGREEMENT. EXPRESSING HIS "SURPRISE" AT PRESS REPORTS THAT ASST. SEC. BLACKWELL EXPECTS TALKS TO BE LONG AND DIFFICULT, AVERIN STATED THAT HE ANTICIPATES SMOOTH NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT MAJOR SNAGS.

2. REGARDING HIS AND MINISTRY'S THINKING ON POSSIBLE NEW BILATERAL MARITIME AGREEMENT, AVERIN OPINED THAT IT WOULD DIFFER CONSIDERABLE FROM EXISTING ONE. HE AGREED THAT IT COULD INCLUDE THOSE ASPECTS OF MFN PERTAINING TO SHIPPING MATTERS. FURTHER, AVERIN INDICATED THAT NEW AGREEMTN SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANNEXES BUT RATHER FORMAL PROTOCOLS REGARDING TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL QUESTIONS. IN THIS CONTEXT, MINISTRY IS TROUBLED BY FACT THAT FAMOUS ANNEX III TO EXISITING AGREEMENT IS ALMOST FORMAL AGREEMENT IN ITSELF.
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